

DISPATCH

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R3-573

Chief of Station, Vienna
 Chief, EE; Chief of Station, Bonn

2 Jul 1959

Chief of Base, Salzburg

20 June 1959

PROV/RECORD/OPERATIONS
 Use of GAFI as a Spyder

RE: (CHECK ONE)

MARKED FOR INDEXING

NO INDEXING REQUIRED

INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED

CHANGED NO DECISION

See paragraph 3.

- a. R3-5196, 15 May 1959 (last sent Bonn)
- b. R3-13070, 19 June 1959
- c. R3-27771, 26 June 1959

1. We feel that GAFI may well be able to provide assistance in locating potential spy-related assets in the area of the [redacted] area. As [redacted] recalls, GAFI has been described as highly intelligent, composed, possessed of a more than usual amount of assets (and not inclined to be over-enthusiastic with regard to espionage which may present control problems). This assessment plus the fact that he has been resident in the area of [redacted] since at least early 1958 leads us to believe that he could, with, assets and perhaps influence as to one or two possible other behind types in that area.

2. For Bonn: Reference a. discussed the presence of GAFI (phonetic) in Austria, Salzburg Operations Base' interest in seeing him as a potential spyder, and our desire to learn of his current status in reference to R3-13070. Reference b. informed us that in February 1959 (R3-13070, 19 February 1959) GAFI had been considered (but presumably not approached) for possible use against satellite targets and that Headquarters has no objection to our using GAFI as a spy-related spyder. Reference c. also noted that GAFI is known (socially and operationally) to [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom are currently stationed in Switzerland.

3. We request that Vienna forward to us a copy of the biographic data on GAFI mentioned in reference b. and any other pertinent or helpful information Vienna may have. Headquarters is requested, on the basis of biographic information available there, to issue a FIA for GAFI for the purpose of contact, assessment and recruitment as a short-term spy-related spyder/assessor. We would appreciate [redacted] help in obtaining access to GAFI and proof of bona fides. We believe this can best be accomplished by means of a letter of introduction from [redacted] Should you feel it advisable to include a copy in the letter, [redacted] who is interested in himself as [redacted] As there may be a rather [redacted] time factor (we have no idea how much longer GAFI will be in his present location), we should like to receive this letter as soon as possible. We should also appreciate any useful background information which [redacted] or [redacted] is able to provide.

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